

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7-10, 12-14 and 17-20 are amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716 to Kenner et al. (herein “Kenner”).

First, Applicants note that acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS), filed on March 29, 2001, January 15, 2004, March 30, 2004, August 12, 2004 and October 12, 2004 have not been received. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of each PTO Form-1449, filed with those IDSs, be issued.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 1-20 as anticipated by Kenner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Initially, Applicants note that the claimed time/location information is information indicating time/location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created (e.g., when/where each photo is originally taken), and the time/location information is obtained from an index table or an index server according to event names contained in a retrieval request and subsequently used as retrieval keys or index information, as clarified in amended independent Claims 1, 7-9, 12-14 and 17-20.

In this way, according to the claimed invention, a user only needs to remember and specify an event name. The method uses the event name to obtain the more specific time/location information, which does not have to be remembered and specified by the user, and the more specific time/location information is used to automatically search and retrieve the relevant multimedia data. Thus, it is possible to realize flexible retrieval of multimedia data by using concepts that are easily comprehensible to the human being based on the

automatically attached information such as time and location information, without requiring tedious tasks such as classifying multimedia data or attaching keywords for the purpose of the retrieval.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kenner does not teach or suggest obtaining time and location information using event names. Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the assertion in the outstanding Office Action that the queuing period of Kenner is equivalent to the claimed time information.¹ The queuing period of Kenner is a period during which the DSI can receive the clip data from the appropriate SRU,² and thus does not indicate “a time . . . of events at which each multimedia data is originally created,” as recited in the amended independent claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the assertion in the Office Action that date and time parameters of Kenner are equivalent to the claimed time information.³ Although Kenner’s date and time parameters indicate date and time the file was made by the content provider, these parameters are not obtained according to the event names contained in the retrieval request and subsequently used as the retrieval keys or the index information. Thus, Kenner does not teach or suggest “obtaining at least one of the time information and the location information . . . by using event names,” as recited in the amended independent claims.

In addition, Applicants respectfully traverse the assertion in the outstanding Office Action that Kenner discloses the claimed location information in the virtual URL issued by a user.⁴ On the other hand, Kenner describes an URL indicating that a user “wants to receive a

¹ Kenner at column 25, lines 45-54.

² Office Action at page 3, lines 3-4.

³ Kenner table at column 22.

⁴ Office Action at page 3, lines 5-6.

clip having a specified video ID,”⁵ which does not indicate “a location of events at which each multimedia data is originally created,” as recited in the amended independent claims.

In addition, Applicants submit that the Office Action incorrectly asserts that the claimed location is disclosed by Kenner’s location information with the segment info and link info fields, the regional identifier, or the location code.⁶ However, the segment info and link info of Kenner are only arrays of segment descriptors or link names (i.e., URLs and pointers),⁷ which clearly do not indicate “a location of the events at which each multimedia data is originally created,” and which are not obtained “by using event names” contained in the retrieval request and subsequently used as the retrieval keys or the index information, as recited in the independent claims. Also, the regional identifier of Kenner is only information which identifies remote IMs which may have the requested video information, and the location code is only information which specifies the exact storage location of the video clip within the local SRU,⁸ and these do not indicate “a location of the events at which each multimedia data is originally created,” and are not obtained “by using event names” contained in the retrieval request and subsequently used as the retrieval keys or the index information, as recited in the amended independent claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the assertion in the Office Action that the claimed event names are disclosed by Kenner’s video ID or virtual URL.⁹ Kenner indicates the video ID is a globally unique name of the video clip and the virtual URL is only information indicating that the user wants to receive a clip having a specified video ID,¹⁰ which are different than “event names of the events at which the multimedia data is originally created,” as recited in the amended independent claims.

⁵ Kenner at column 24, lines 50-53.

⁶ Office Action at page 3, lines 6-7 and 13-15.

⁷ Kenner table at column 22.

⁸ Kenner at column 4, lines 58-59, and column 15, lines 24-56.

⁹ Office Action at page 3, 15-17.

¹⁰ Kenner at column 32, lines 37-39, and column 24, lines 50-53.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 1, 7-9, 12-14 and 17-20, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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